

APPROVED: Meeting No. 41-90

ATTEST: *Sharon A. Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 40-90

October 15, 1990

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on October 15, 1990, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepan

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-110-90, Rockville
Planning Commission, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-110-90, to amend the Subdivision Regulations to clarify standards for resubdivision of lots in an established area. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks, until October 29, 1990.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-112-90, New
Covenant Fellowship Church,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-112-90, to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow churches, synagogues and other places

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of worship in the I-3, Industrial Park, Zone. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks, until October 29, 1990.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-113-90, Rockville
Planning Commission, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-113-90, to amend the Zoning Ordinance definition of "gross floor area of building" to clarify this term. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks, until October 29, 1990.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Hun Chiu Wong, 8404 Early Bud Way, Laurel, requested information regarding the text amendment application process, in particular T-112-90, and the length of time involved. Mayor Duncan outlined the steps involved in the text amendment application process, and staff noted that it would be approximately a month before this matter would be brought back for Mayor and Council action.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Semi-annual Payment of Property Taxes

Councilmember Coyle inquired as to the practical implications of this legislation and whether or not the City should take a position. The City Manager

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responded that this would inevitably be a recommendation of the Linowes Commission. The City has everything to be gained by supporting this legislation and will closely monitor the process.

Beach Brothers Printing Use Permit Application

In view of problems in the past with another printing company, Councilmember Coyle requested that staff be alerted to the issues that had arisen previously.

Mansion Art Gallery Name

Councilmember Robbins commented that this is a great suggestion, and the Mayor and Council approved the name change.

Directional Signs for Middle Lane Parking Lot

Mayor Duncan noted that the directional signs are great.

Re: New Business

Councilmember Marrinan attended the Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting at which two important items were discussed:

1. Report on the Regional Economic Trend. Although home sales and new construction are down and retail sales have slowed, the newspapers are printing a more discouraging outlook than what the statistics actually illustrate.

2. Environmental issues. Our respective local governments are developing contingency plans to deal with potential difficulties in obtaining gas and fuel oil.

Mayor Duncan noted several items of New Business:

1. The North Farm community expressed concern with neighborhood swimming pools and requested information regarding safety restrictions the City imposes such as the height of fences. The residents were also concerned with their neighborhood's low level of street lighting in terms of public safety. Mayor Duncan requested that staff look into both of these issues and prepare a response.

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2. The City is honored to have visitors from Rockville's Sister City, Pinneberg, Germany. Dr. Nolte, President of the German-American Friendship Society, and his wife arrived Sunday and will be staying through next Tuesday. On Thursday, the Burgermeister and other official visitors from Pinneberg will arrive. This is the first time since 1958 that Pinneberg's Mayor (Burgermeister) has visited Rockville. Mayor Duncan requested that these visitors be extended a warm welcome by Rockville residents.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on October 22, 1990, or at the call of the Mayor.